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In the Claims

Amend Claims 1, 6, and 11, and add new Claims 13, 14, and 15 as indicated below:

A1  
~~1. (Amended) A method for installing a cushion and an inflator/horn assembly to a cover having a cavity therein for the cushion, said method comprising the steps of:  
4               attaching the cushion to a mock inflator which is  
5       fixedly positioned relative to an end of the piston;  
6               securing the cover in a preferred orientation;  
7               thereafter compacting the cushion into the cover  
8       and around said mock inflator by cycling a single piston  
9       through one reciprocating movement cycle, such that the  
10      cushion is received into a cover cavity defined by the cover;  
11      and  
12               removing the mock inflator from said cushion,  
13       thereby forming a sleeve cavity within the cushion for an  
14      inflator/horn assembly.~~

A2  
~~1. 6. (Amended) An assembly for assembling a cushion to a cover, said assembly comprising:  
2               a base for supporting the cover;  
3               a housing defining a generally hollow housing  
4       cavity;  
5               an air bag housing slidably disposed within said  
6       housing cavity; and  
7               piston means for moving the air bag in an up stroke  
8       and down stroke within the cavity in a single cycle and for  
9       folding the air bag into the cover at the end of the down  
10      stroke.  
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A3  
~~1. 13. (New) The assembly as defined in Claim 6 wherein the  
2       piston means includes a single movable piston.~~

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14. (New) The assembly as defined in Claim 13 wherein the  
piston means includes a mock inflator movable with the piston  
and locatable within a determinable volume within the cover  
cavity to prevent the air bag from being folded within this  
volume.

11. (Amended) A method for installing a cushion into an  
interior cavity of a cover, said method comprising the steps  
of;

forming a cushion subassembly and attaching same to  
a movable piston, the subassembly including a cushion housing  
and the cushion;

positioning the cover apart from the piston;

moving the piston and the attached cushion assembly  
along a fixed tube in a first direction away from the cover  
to cause the cushion to expand as it rubs against the inner  
sides of the tube;

moving the piston toward the cover to press the  
cushion into the cover, thereby folding same and positioning  
the housing atop the now folded cushion with the interior of  
the cover.

15. (New) A method for installing a cushion into a cavity of  
a cover, said method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a hollow folding tube;

b) placing a piston near a determinable location in  
the folding tube;

c) attaching an air bag to an air bag housing sized to  
fit into the cover cavity;

d) securing the air bag housing to the piston;

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- 9       e) withdrawing the piston up the folding tube to at  
10      least partially elongate the air bag;  
11       f) positioning the cover proximate an open end of the  
12      folding tube with the cover cavity facing the open end; and  
13       g) urging the piston, housing and air bag toward and  
14      into the cover cavity until the air bag fills the cover  
15      cavity and the housing is placed on the cover.
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